MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

**DATE: 24 June 2008** 

**TIME: 2:30 PM** 

**LOCATION: Health Policy Forum** 

**Department of Health** 

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, Esq., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Amy Lapierre, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D, Wallace Gernt, Robert Hamel, RN, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Ellen Nelson, PhD, Denise Panichas, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Bob Marshall, Ph.D., Joseph G. Miller Esq., Michael Rodriguez (Intern), Elizabeth Shelov

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 PM. The Chairman noted the availability of conflict of interest forms for any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the 20 May 2008 Health Services Council meeting were approved as submitted. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

## 2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the Addendum to the Reports of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the applications of FC-Gen Investment, LLC for changes in effective control of Grand Island Center, Kent Regency Center and Grandview Center (2007) and GHC Holdings, LLC and 660 Commonwealth Avenue Operations, LLC, 100 Chambers Street Operations, LLC and 333 Green End Avenue Operations, LLC for change in effective control of Kent Regency

Center, Grandview Center and Grand Islander Center (2008). Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to approve the change order request subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Epoch Sleep Centers, LLC for initial licensure to establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in East Greenwich. Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

Mr. Ross proposed adding the following language as a condition of approval: that the proposal be implemented within the scope of the application; and that the scope of the services be limited to diagnosis and treatment of sleep/wake disorders.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of ten in favor, none opposed and one recusal (10-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube,

Graziano, Lapierre, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Those members recusing were: Gil.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Northwest Community Health Care for a change in effective control of Bayside Family Healthcare, Inc., which operates an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in North Kingston. Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the DRAFT Rules and Regulations for Determination for New Health Care Equipment and New Health Services. The Council reviewed the proposed changes.

## 3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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